

Table 3.21d: Child Poverty Rates Using Different Poverty Lines

	Percentage of children living below		
	50%	40%	60%
	of median national income		
Finland	2.8	1.3	8
Norway	3.4	1.6	7.5
Sweden	4.2	1.8	9.2
Belgium	7.7	3.2	13.7
Hungary	8.8	4.4	16.9
Luxembourg	9.1	2.1	18.3
Netherlands	9.8	5.9	14.2
Germany	10.2	6.2	16.9
Austria	10.2	6.1	21.4
Poland	12.7	6.5	17.3
Canada	14.9	7.7	23.3
UK	15.4	5.5	27
Italy	16.6	10.6	26.5
USA	21.9	14.1	30.2
Mexico	27.7	20.9	35

Note: The table shows the variation in the child poverty rate when the definition of poverty is set at different levels in relation to average income. The first column gives the percentage of children living in households with incomes below 50 percent of the national median income. The second and third columns give the percentage below 40 percent and below 60 percent of the national median. The countries are selected according to the availability of data.

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